

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2014, 2013 at 7:30 PM
Rockport Public Library**

Members in attendance: Matt Cegelis (MC), Lawrence Neal (LN), Ted Tarr (TT)

Members not in attendance: Peter Van Demark (PV), Stephanie Cunningham (SC),

7:30PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by LN and seconded by MC to approve the Jan 13, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 3/0 vote.

Open Discussion:

The new *no trespassing, no hunting, no fishing* sign and locked gate on Lanes Farm Way that was discussed at our last meeting appears to be in response to the increased vehicle traffic during hunting season. According to the abutters the road was being damaged by this traffic and the locked gate is expected to be temporary measure. ROW is reviewing the town rights of usage to the road

TT discussed the meeting of the Eight Towns and the Marsh committee on the Phragmites removal project in the Great Marsh. He feels that Rockport's marsh land is considered part of the great marsh and he will check about that group doing invasive removal work in Rockport at the Loblolly cove marsh area.

Land Protection Activities:

No activity this period

OSR Plan Review:

Final look of Sections 5, 6 and 7 done and to PV
Comments on invasive plants and removal work; wildlife corridors, sediment study at Long and Cape Hedge beaches and marsh, to be added to Section 4. Verify activity moving to public land the parcel at end of South St.

Consider adding a plan action item to establish walk leaders for "TT's Sunday morning walks" so that they continue.

GIS and Trail Mapping:

With the new members of the ROW committee and the increased Cape Ann Trail Stewards involvement with trail mapping we discussed need for group meeting for all to review of related data that is available. Target a meeting in March.

ROW Update:

MC presented OSR Plan Action item changes related to ROW. ROW suggest on Action 4a remove "wildlife corridors". On Action 6a change to be "publish map with public trails that are on public land".

Adequate labor to support trail clearing continues to be an issue.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

10 March Continue Plan update. Establish schedule on updating action list and properties of high interest. Plan a meeting on the Rockport Trail data that is available.

14 Aprilh 2014 meeting:

Motion to Adjourn:

8:50PM LN motioned to adjourn, MC seconded. Vote passed 3/0.

These minutes prepared by LN